

Westminster Police Department

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### SUICIDE ATTEMPT

**Date:** September 9, 2013

**Location of Incident:** Springdale Street / 405 freeway, Westminster CA

**Westminster CA-** At approximately 12:36 p.m., the Westminster Police Department communications center received several 9-1-1 calls from citizens reporting a male in his 30's standing on the Springdale overpass at the 405 freeway.

Within three minutes of the call, a Westminster Police corporal and a CHP officer arrived to investigate. They saw the man was on the outside of a six foot fence on the overpass. When he saw the officers, the man jumped off the overpass with a noose tied around his neck. Together the two officers, assisted by a citizen, were able to reach through the fence and pull the suicidal man up far enough to prevent the noose from tightening. Additional officers from Westminster PD and the CHP arrived and they were able to remove the noose from around the man's neck. The officers held on to the man's arms twenty-two minutes until OCFA firefighters were able to reach the subject by using a ladder. Once the man was brought to safety, he received medical attention from the OCFA paramedics and was transported to a nearby hospital.

Had it not been for the quick response and excellent teamwork between our officers, the CHP, the OCFA, and several citizens who assisted, this could have been a tragic incident. Fortunately, their heroic efforts saved the man's life.